

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A file transfer system, comprising:

a file management server comprising a web page, the file management server being configured to manage access to files stored therein and ~~[[a]]~~ transfer of the files ~~and to allow the files to be accessed~~ subject to entry of a first password through the web page;

a file transmitting terminal; ~~configured to store a file and a second password for accessing the file, the second password being associated with the file;~~

a file receiving terminal; and

a mobile terminal,

wherein

said file management server, said file transmitting terminal, said file receiving terminal, and the mobile terminal are connected to each other via a network;

said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit, to said file management server, ~~[[the]]~~

a particular file, and

~~[[the]]~~ a second password for accessing the particular file as a part of an ~~authentication~~ authorization condition, ~~for accessing the file,~~ through the web page of the file management server;

said file management server is further configured to store and to correlatingly manage the particular file and the second password transmitted from said file transmitting terminal;

said mobile terminal is configured to transfer an address of ~~a particular~~ the file receiving terminal that is permitted to access the particular file stored in the file management server, to said file management server through the web page of the file management server;

said file management server is further configured to store and to correlatingly manage the address of said ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal with the particular file;

said file receiving terminal is further configured to transmit to said file management server a request for transferring the particular file; and

in response to the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal, (i) if an address of [[said]] the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, said file management server ~~is configured to transfer~~ transfers the particular file to said file receiving terminal.

2. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authorization condition corresponding to said particular file is said second password for accessing said particular file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a password transmitted with said request by said file receiving terminal matches said second password transmitted by said file transmitting terminal, transmit said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authorization condition is one or more user IDs that are authorized to access said particular file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request by said file receiving terminal is included in said one or more user IDs transmitted by said file transmitting terminal, transmit said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said authorization condition is the membership of a group that is authorized to access  
said particular file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request  
by said file receiving terminal is a member of said group, transmit said particular file to said  
file receiving terminal.

5. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit an effective period  
corresponding to said particular file;

said file management server is configured to store the corresponding effective period  
with said particular file; and

said file management server is configured to, if the corresponding effective period has  
expired, prohibit said particular file from being transmitted.

6. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said  
file management server is configured to, if the corresponding effective period has expired,  
delete said particular file.

7. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit an effective number of  
transfers corresponding to said particular file;

said file management server is configured to store the corresponding effective number  
of transfers with said particular file; and

said file management server is configured to, if the number of transfers of said particular file reaches the corresponding effective number of transfers, prohibit said particular file from being transmitted.

8. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said file management server is configured to, if the number of transfers of said particular file reaches the corresponding effective number of transfers, delete said particular file.

9. (Currently Amended) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mobile terminal is configured to acquire the address of said file receiving terminal and to transmit the address to said file management server;

said file management server is configured to store the address of said file receiving terminal transmitted from said mobile terminal; and

said file management server is configured to, in response to said request for transmitting said particular file from said file receiving terminal, transmit the particular file to said file receiving terminal if the address of said file receiving terminal matches the stored address.

10. (Currently Amended) The transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file receiving terminal is configured to print or to store, in a recording medium, said particular file received from said file management server.

11. (Currently Amended) A file management server connected to a file transmitting terminal, a file receiving terminal, and a mobile terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data with an external apparatus via said network;

a display unit configured to display a web page for transmitting files;

a first storage unit configured to store a particular file and a second password for accessing the particular file as part of an authorization condition, ~~for accessing said file~~, the particular file and the second password being transmitted by the file transmitting terminal and the second password being associated with the particular file;

a second storage unit configured to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a ~~particular~~ the file receiving terminal that is [[to be]] allowed to access the particular file stored in the first storage unit with the particular file, the address being transmitted from the mobile terminal through the web page of the file management server; and

a file transferring unit configured to, in response to a request for transferring said particular file stored in said first storage unit from said file receiving terminal, transfer said particular file to said file receiving terminal (i) if an address of [[said]] the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request for transferring said particular file is determined to include the second password.

12. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said authorization condition corresponding to said particular file is said second password for accessing said particular file; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a password transmitted with said request matches said second password stored in said first storage unit, transfer said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

13. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 11,  
wherein

said authorization condition corresponding to said particular file is one or more user  
IDs; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request is  
included in said one or more user IDs stored in said first storage unit, transfer said particular  
file to said file receiving terminal.

14. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, further  
comprising a third storage unit configured to store a group name and user IDs of group  
members;

wherein

said authorization condition stored in said first storage unit is said group name; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request is  
included in said group members, transfer said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

15. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 11,  
wherein

said first storage unit is configured to further store an effective period of said  
particular file; and

said file transfer unit is configured to, if the effective period of said particular file has  
expired, avoid transferring said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

16. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 15, wherein said file transferring unit is configured to, if the effective period of said particular file has expired, delete said particular file.

17. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said first storage unit is configured to further store an effective number of transfers of said particular file; and

said file transfer unit is configured to, if the number of transfers of said particular file reaches the effective number stored in said first storage unit, avoid transferring said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 17, wherein said file transferring unit is configured to, if the number of transfers of said particular file reaches the effective number, delete said particular file.

19. (Currently Amended) The file management server as claimed in claim 14, wherein

said second storage unit is configured to store the address of said file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal, and

said file transferring unit is configured to, in response to the request for transferring said particular file, said request transmitted from said file receiving terminal, only if the address of said file receiving terminal matches an address stored in said second storage unit, transmit said particular file to said file receiving terminal.

20. (Currently Amended) A file transfer method of an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

displaying a web page configured to transfer and to receive files;

storing a particular file and a second password for accessing the particular file as part of an authorization condition, ~~for accessing the file~~, the particular file and the second password being transmitted by said file transfer terminal through the web page and the second password being associated with the particular file;

storing and correlatingly managing, by the information processing apparatus, an address of a ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal that is allowed to access the particular file with the particular file, the address being transmitted from a mobile terminal through the web page;

receiving a request for transmitting said particular file designated from ~~[[a]]~~ the file receiving terminal; and

in response to the request, transmitting, by the information processing apparatus, said particular file to said file receiving terminal (i) if an address of ~~[[said]]~~ the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request for transmitting said particular file is determined to include the second password.

21. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium having embedded therein instructions, which when executed by a processor causes the processor to perform the method ~~[[of]]~~ comprising:

displaying a web page configured to transfer and to receive files;

storing a particular file and a second password for accessing the particular file as part of an authorization condition, ~~for accessing the file~~, the particular file and the second



password being transmitted by said file transfer terminal through the web page and the second password being associated with the particular file;

storing and correlatingly managing an address of a ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal that is ~~[[to be]]~~ allowed to access the particular file with the particular file, the address being transmitted from a mobile terminal through the web page;

receiving a request for transmitting said particular file designated from ~~[[a]]~~ the file receiving terminal; and

in response to the request, transmitting said particular file to said file receiving terminal (i) if an address of ~~[[said]]~~ the requesting file receiving terminal and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request for transmitting said particular file is determined to include the second password.

22. (Currently Amended) An image forming system, comprising:

a stored document management server comprising a web page, the stored document management server being configured to manage access to documents stored therein and ~~[[a]]~~ transfer of the stored documents ~~and to allow the stored documents to be accessed~~ subject to entry of a first password through the web page;

a first image forming apparatus; ~~configured to store a stored document and a second password for accessing the stored document, the second password being associated with the stored document;~~

a second image forming apparatus; and

a mobile terminal,

wherein

said stored document management server, said first image forming apparatus, said second image forming apparatus, and said mobile terminal are connected to each other via a network;

said first image forming apparatus is configured to transmit, to said stored document management server,

~~said stored~~ a particular document, and

[[the]] a second password for accessing the particular document as a part of an authorization condition, ~~for accessing said stored document~~, through the web page of the stored document management server;

said stored document management server is further configured to store and to correlatingly manage the transmitted ~~stored~~ particular document and the second password transmitted from the first image forming apparatus;

said mobile terminal is configured to transfer an address of ~~a particular~~ the second image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the ~~stored~~ particular document stored in the stored document management server, to said stored document management server through the web page of the stored document management server;

said stored document management server is further configured to store and to correlatingly manage the address of said ~~particular~~ second image forming apparatus with the stored particular document;

said second image forming apparatus is further configured to transmit to said stored document management server a request for transferring the stored particular document; and

in response to the request transmitted by the second image forming apparatus, (i) if an address of [[said]] the requesting second image forming apparatus and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ second image forming apparatus transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and (ii) if the request for transferring the stored particular document is

determined to include the second password, said stored document management server is configured to transfer the stored particular document to said second image forming apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) A stored document management server connected to a first image forming apparatus, a second image forming apparatus, and a mobile terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data with said first and second image forming apparatuses via said network;

a display unit configured to display a web page for transmitting stored documents;

a first storage unit configured to store a ~~stored~~ particular document and a second password for accessing the particular document as part of an authorization condition, ~~for accessing said stored document~~, the stored particular document and the second password being transmitted by the first image forming apparatus and the second password being associated with the stored particular document;

a second storage unit configured to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a ~~particular~~ the second image forming apparatus that is ~~[[to be]]~~ allowed to access the stored particular document with the stored particular document, the address being transmitted from the mobile terminal through the web page of the stored document management server; and

a stored document transferring unit configured to, in response to a request for transferring said ~~stored~~ particular document stored in said first storage unit from said second image forming apparatus, transfer said stored particular document to said second image forming apparatus (i) if an address of ~~[[said]]~~ the requesting second image forming apparatus and the stored address of the ~~particular~~ second image forming apparatus transmitted from the mobile terminal is determined to match, and (ii) if the request for transferring said stored particular document includes the second password.

24. (Currently Amended) An image forming system, comprising:

a first image forming apparatus configured to manage access to documents stored therein and ~~[[a]] transfer of the stored documents and to allow the stored documents to be accessed~~ subject to entry of a first password, to store a ~~stored~~ particular document and a second password for accessing the stored particular document, and to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a ~~particular~~ second image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored particular document with the stored particular document, the stored particular document and the second password being transmitted by another image forming apparatus and the second password being associated with the stored particular document;

a user terminal; and

~~[[a]]~~ the second image forming apparatus;

wherein

said first image forming apparatus, said user terminal, and said second image forming apparatus are connected to each other via a network;

in response to a request from said user terminal, said first image forming apparatus is configured to, if the request from said user terminal is determined to include the second password, transmit said stored particular document and said second password for accessing the particular document as a part of an authorization condition ~~for accessing the stored document~~ to said second image forming apparatus; and

said second image forming apparatus is configured to store said ~~stored~~ particular document and said second password associated with the ~~stored~~ particular document and, if a received request for printing said stored particular document is determined to include said second password, to print said stored particular document.

25. (Currently Amended) An image forming system, comprising:

a first image forming apparatus configured to manage access to documents stored therein and ~~[[a]]~~ transfer of the stored documents ~~and to allow the stored documents to be accessed~~ subject to entry of a first password, and to store a ~~stored~~ particular document and a second password for accessing the stored particular document, the second password being associated with the stored particular document;

a stored document management server;

a user terminal; and

a second image forming apparatus;

wherein

said first image forming apparatus, said stored document management server, said user terminal, and said second image forming apparatus are connected to each other via a network;

in response to a request from said user terminal, said first image forming apparatus is configured to, if the request from said user terminal is determined to include said second password, transmit said stored particular document and said second password as part of an authorization condition to said stored document management server;

said stored document management server is configured to store said ~~stored~~ particular document and said second password, and to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a ~~particular~~ a second image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored particular document with the stored particular document;

in response to a request for transmitting said stored particular document from said second image forming apparatus, (i) if an address of the requesting second image forming apparatus and the stored address of the second image forming apparatus that is permitted to

access the stored particular document are determined to match, and (ii) if the request transmitted by the second image forming apparatus is determined to include the second password, said stored document management server is configured to transmit said stored particular document to said second image forming apparatus; and

said second image forming apparatus is configured to print said stored document transmitted from said stored document management server.

26. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected with another image forming apparatus via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data via said network, and, subject to entry of a first password, to receive a ~~stored~~ particular document and a second password for accessing the particular document from said other image forming apparatus, the second password being transmitted by the other image forming apparatus and being associated with the ~~stored~~ particular document, and the other image forming apparatus being configured to store and correlatingly manage an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the ~~stored~~ particular document with the ~~stored~~ particular document;

a storage unit configured to store the ~~stored~~ particular document and the second password associated with the ~~stored~~ particular document as part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored particular document received from said other image forming apparatus;

an operations input unit; and

an image forming unit configured to, in response to reception of a request for printing said stored particular document, if the request for printing said stored particular document includes the second password, print said stored particular document.

27. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein

said image forming apparatus is further connected to a user terminal via said network;

and

said communication unit is configured to, in response to a transfer request from said user terminal, if said transfer request satisfies said authorization condition, transmit said stored particular document and said authorization condition stored in said storage unit to a destination.

28. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said transfer request includes said destination, the second password as said authorization information for accessing said stored particular document, and a registration code of said stored particular document that said communication unit has received from said user terminal via said network.

29. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said transfer request includes said destination, said authorization condition for accessing said stored particular document, and a registration code of said stored particular document that are input by said operations input unit.

30. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected with a stored document management server and a user terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data via said network, and, subject to entry of a first password, to transmit a ~~stored~~ particular document and a second password for

accessing the particular document to the stored document management server, the second password being associated with the ~~stored~~ particular document;

a storage unit configured to store ~~a stored~~ the particular document and the second password associated with the ~~stored~~ particular document as a part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored particular document; and

an image forming unit configured to print said stored particular document;

wherein

said communication unit is configured to, in response to reception of a request for transmitting said stored particular document from said user terminal, transmit said stored particular document and said second password to said stored document management server, the stored document management server being configured to store and correlatingly manage an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is permitted to access the stored particular document with the stored particular document.